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## THE PHI DELTA KAPPAN

### THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL ORGAN OF PHI DELTA KAPPA

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We commend to your confidence the  
firms advertising in the Phi Delta  
Kappan. Our policy is to accept no  
ad from a firm that we cannot fully  
endorse.—The Managing Editor.

No chapter communications in  
the June number unless your Cor-  
responding Secretary receives spe-  
cial request from us for them. The  
National Directory will occupy all  
the available space of the June num-  
ber.

Just as we go to press our coun-  
try has become engaged in the great  
World War and the call for volun-  
teers has been made. Already we  
are beginning to hear of Phi Delta  
Kappa brothers offering their lives  
in defense of our country's honor.  
Brother Don Essex of Indiana is the  
first to be reported to us.

The next number of the Phi Delta  
Kappan is to be devoted to the Na-  
tional Directory. Nevertheless we  
will reserve space for publication of  
the names of Phi Delta Kappa  
brothers who have enlisted in the  
Army or Navy. Each correspond-  
ing secretary will please send to us  
by May 20 the names of members  
who have enlisted, with a brief  
statement as to the branch of the  
service, and the commission re-  
ceived if any. Let us see to it that  
our Roll of Honor shall contain the  
name of every brother who has en-  
listed.

Hats off to the corresponding sec-  
retaries who sent communications  
for the April number! Not a typo-  
graphical correction had to be made!  
Every one sent duplicate of his com-  
munication so that we could read  
the printer's proof intelligently.  
Therefore, if any typographical er-  
rors this time blame it on the  
printer and the managing editor.

## Summer Initiations

Extracts from a letter written in  
answer to a request for the Na-  
tional Treasurer's view upon sum-  
mer initiations:

It seems to me that the policy you  
follow, the initiating of a large  
number of men at the end of the  
summer sessions, is fundamentally  
wrong for two reasons.

First: Phi Delta Kappa is pri-  
marily a fraternal organization.  
Its greatest good to its membership  
ought to come from the fellowship  
engendered by many meetings  
where the real meaning of the Fra-  
ternity can sink into the conscious-  
ness of each individual member.  
That is what the Fraternity means

to me. I used to anticipate the meetings at Columbia chiefly because I knew I should meet there men whose fellowship I treasured, and I have that same anticipation here in Pittsburgh. You initiate a group of men at the end of the summer session and, as you say, they almost immediately leave for their respective places of business. What has the Fraternity given them? Probably one opportunity to meet a lot of men whose names and faces they very soon forget. They may return the next summer session, altho in most cases a man does not attend more than two in succession. You take their initiation fees, you give them a pin, you administer the creed and the oath, and they go out Phi Delta Kappans. And what do they contribute to the Fraternity? Making a poor speech at the banquet about sums up their contribution.

In the second place, a wholesale initiation of men whom you have known at the most ten or eleven weeks spread over two summer sessions (the constitution provides they cannot be initiated until they

are in attendance upon at least their second summer session in the university) cannot but cheapen the Fraternity in the minds of the initiates and in the minds of you who initiate them. The initiate, if he be an administrator, wonders just why he has been invited to membership when he is not going to receive any of the benefits of that membership, and he may decide, and not unjustly, that Phi Delta Kappa is an employment agency on a high plane. Why not? What other reason can he see? You see, you don't initiate him as an honorary member, so he cannot feel that it is the honor element.

. . . . .

My recommendation is that you set a maximum number, four or six, which you will initiate each summer session, and that you choose the men not on the basis of what they are doing in the field, but on the basis of what they will contribute to your fellowship and what you as a Fraternity can contribute to their educational ideals.

E. A. LEE.

## National Education Association Notes

(From March, 1917, N. E. A. Bulletin.)

"The checking of attendance at Kansas City has not been completed but it is certain that the meeting was the second largest in the history of the Department, being exceeded only by the Detroit meeting. It is also evident that more persons were present from outside Missouri than were present at Detroit from outside of Michigan."

"The Executive Committee, at a meeting held in Kansas City March 2, definitely decided upon Portland,

Ore., as the place for the 1917 meeting and July 7-14 as the time. The railroads interested in the direct traffic to the Northwest Territory have named a round trip rate of \$67.50 from Chicago and \$55 from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City and other Missouri River gateways. It is expected that the other roads will grant reduced rates. The Multomah Hotel will be headquarters. Plan to go."

From the Journal of Education.)  
**Kansas City.**

"Kansas City's reception and en-

tertainment were all that anyone could ask. Superintendent I. I. Cammack and his entire office force were efficiently devoted to the comfort of all and the success of everything.

"The hotel problem was met much better than was feared. There was no attempt to make anyone pay for any longer time than he cared to stay, as was in the 'contract.' 'Capacity rates' were charged, but even then they were as low as in any city in which the Department has met, so that it was no hardship.

"Nowhere have the hotels and halls been within as small an area as in Kansas City. There was no hotel that was not within easy walking distance of every place of meeting."

#### **The Souvenir.**

"Kansas City literally surpassed

anything ever attempted by way of souvenir, and there was not a line of advertising in it. Whoever sees this and remembers the New York 'Souvenir' will have some appreciation of what Kansas City did in this matter for the Association and incidentally for Kansas City.

"The book is nine by twelve inches, is beautifully illustrated in color as well as with photogravure productions. Some colored insert pages. These are twelve by eighteen inches; five full page, sixty-five half page, and thirty-eight quarter page half-tones; every one of the 112 pictures and charts is attractive to everyone, is educationally valuable and invaluable as a demonstration of the leadership in her schools and the significance of Kansas City's enterprise and attractiveness.

### **A Year Book**

Is not the idea of a Year Book worth while? One of the Chapters, Stanford, we believe, has for several years been using such a plan. The following is a copy of their information blank which is sent out by the "Dear Brother:

Corresponding Secretary to each member. Will the Chapter concerned please make a report to the National Magazine as to the success of their plan? If any other Chapters are working on a Year Book let us use their ideas.

Fill out as much of the following as you can and will, but please return the blank in the enclosed envelope if you **only fill in your name.** See News Letter for further information.

NAME.....

POSITION.....

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

(Include references to some of the articles you have published in the last two years. Have you been on the program of any institutes? President, Secretary, or Editor of any educational organization or publication? Participated in any interesting experiment in your school or city? Carried on any study in connection with your work? Plans for the future? Etc., etc.)

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## CONTRIBUTED TO YEAR BOOK

(Kindly indicate, one way or the other, if you will make a contribution to Year Book. What topic will you deal with, and the approximate number of pages. Articles from 1 to 10 pages and over desired. Articles not previously published are very acceptable. Publication in the Year Book does not preclude publication later in some periodical. Summaries of previously published articles are desired.)

## TIME OF SUBMITTING.....

(Can you have your articles in the hands of the Secretary by April 15th, if not what is the earliest date?)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Include anything not mentioned above, ask questions, offer suggestions, etc.)

NAME..... ADDRESS.....

## Annual Luncheon Phi Delta Kappa

## HOTEL MUEHLEBACH

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1917, 12:30 p. m.

N. E. A. Department of Superintendence

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

## MENU

Grape Fruit, Maraschino

Cream of Tomato, En Tasse  
Ripe Olives

Filet Mignin, Sauce Bernaise  
String Beans Francaise  
Potatoes Croquette

Head Lettuce Salad

Ice Cream, Muehlebach      Coffee  
"No Smokes"

## DESSERT

Toastmaster....Bro. W. W. Charters  
Who's Who—Response by each  
member present.

## TOASTS

Bro. W. W. Charters

Bro. F. J. Kelly

Bro. Carter Alexander

Bro. David Snedden

Bro. Ernest Horn

Bro. Paul Monroe

Bro. Guy M. Whipple

Bro. P. P. Claxton

Music—(Courtesy Bro. A. H. Monsees, Jefferson School, Kansas City).

Leader, Miss Lena M. Spoor, Supervisor of Music.

**After the Eats.**

On the menu cards we found as toastmaster the name of Brother Charters, Dean of Education at the